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Naif Academy Hosts U.S. Capacity-Building Seminar in Dual Use Technology

Riyadh - In close coordination with the Saudi Arabian Government and the Prince Naif Academy for National Security, subject matter experts from the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, International Nonproliferation Export Control Program (INECP) conducted a seminar on January 26-29 regarding identification of dual use for commercial goods that could be used for the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The seminar's participants came from several ministries within the Saudi government.

U.S. technical experts discussed various strategic commodities used in the manufacture of nuclear, chemical, biological weapons and their means of delivery. This seminar increased the understanding of this topic, with the long-term aim of preventing illegal trade and proliferation of WMD. The participants plan to build on this seminar for future cooperation in strengthening the Kingdom's capability in managing strategic goods and technologies to support international export controls.

This type of exchange between countries serves to increase global security, in addition to protecting the domestic interests of Saudi Arabia and to fostering the legitimate trade vital to economic growth. This training course is part of an engagement series between the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and is indicative of the long standing commitment of the United States and Saudi Arabia to international peace and regional economic security.

The event was organized by the Economic Section of the United States Embassy in Riyadh, graciously hosted and supported by the Prince Naif Academy, and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program. This engagement fully supports United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540, which encourages countries to work together to improve their systems of strategic trade controls.

The EXBS program seeks to assist governments as they develop and strengthen strategic trade and border control systems that meet international standards.